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MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
The White House

SUBJECT: The President's Report on US and Soviet Forces

1. This report is forwarded to you for your personal use. It highlights significant developments and trends in selected US and Soviet forces, with emphasis on the nine-month period ending 30 September 1981. In addition, it presents data on weapons characteristics and some interpretative comments. The sections on US forces were prepared by the Department of Defense. Those on Soviet forces were produced by the Central Intelligence Agency in coordination with members of the Intelligence Community.

2. US highlights for the period include:

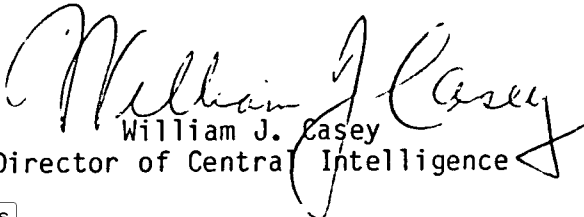
-- Subsystem testing for the M-X ICBM is underway; the first Trident submarine has begun sea trials; the air-launched cruise missile is in a final series of tests; a new cruiser has been launched.

3. Soviet highlights for the period include:

-- Sea trials for the new Typhoon submarine have begun, but its missile has problems; a satellite system for detecting ICBM launches is operational; improvements to the Moscow ABM system continue; new SS-20 bases are concentrated in the western USSR.

4. We invite your attention to the fact that this document receives a very limited distribution.

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Secretary of Defense

  
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Director of Central Intelligence

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